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Applicants: Virginia M. Litwin, et al.

Serial No.: 09/891,062

Examiner: J. Parkin

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**NOTICE OF APPEAL FROM THE EXAMINER'S
DECISION TO THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES**

Applicants hereby appeal to the Board from the Final Office Action mailed September 24, 2003 finally rejecting pending claims 40-47 in connection with the above-identified application.

Additionally, in response to the Final Office Action of September 24, 2003, an Amendment with a Petition For A Three-Month Extension of Time is being filed concurrently herewith with the appropriate fee. The subject application is thus pending today, i.e., March 24, 2004. Accordingly, this Notice of Appeal is being timely filed.

The required fee for filing a Notice of Appeal under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(b) is ONE HUNDRED SIXTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$165.00), and a check for this amount is enclosed.

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No fee, other than the enclosed \$165.00 fee for filing this Notice of Appeal, is deemed necessary. However, if any ~~additional fee is required, authorization is hereby given to~~ charge the amount of any such fee to Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

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